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Auction Action

Spring is auction season in Montana. Here are a few results:

The Missoula Art Museum’s annual Benefit Art Auction, held Feb. 7 at the University Center Ballroom, netted an estimated \$160,000 – well above last year’s net profit of \$114,000.

Executive Director Laura Millin told the *Missoulian* that sales were boosted significantly be “a moment of giving,” in honor of the MAM’s 40th anniversary. Approximately 150 people made cash gifts totaling \$39,390. A painting by George Gogas from his “Judith Basin Encounter” serie brought top dollar at \$8,000.

Art Auction 47, the Yellowstone Art Museum’s annual auction, held March 7 at the museum in Billings, did well during lively bidding. Top sellers for the evening were Carol Hagan’s “Head Honcho,” which sold for \$12,000; Theodore Waddell’s “Monida Angus #18,” selling at \$8,000; and Larry Pirnie’s “Trailside Romancin’,” going for \$7,000. Overall, 161 works of art found their way into homes and businesses.

“The Russell: An Exhibition and Sale to Benefit the C.M. Russell Museum” achieved record results via several events and three live auctions, held March 19-21 in Great Falls. The museum realized a gross total of \$7.8 million; the previous record was \$6.9 million in 2014.

ARTS CALENDAR, MAY/JUNE

Anaconda

May 10

Link Union - 7:30 p.m., Washoe Theater, Anaconda Live, 406-563-2606

June 5, 12, 19, 26

Alive After 5 - 5-8 p.m., Durston Park, 406-563-5538

Bigfork

May 15

Picnic for Lone Pine - 5-8 p.m., Swan River Community Hall, 406-837-2674

May 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, June 10, 13, 16, 18, 22, 27

“Smokey Joe’s Cafe” - 8 p.m., Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 406-837-4886

May 16

Bigfork Spring Art Walk - 11 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown Bigfork, 406-837-5429

June 6, 11, 15, 19, 24, 29

“Man of La Mancha” - 8 p.m., Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 406-837-4886

June 9, 12, 17, 20, 25

“The Addams Family” - 8 p.m., Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 406-837-4886

June 23, 26, 30

“Annie” - 8 p.m., Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 406-837-4886

June 28

Riverbend Concert Series - 7 p.m., Sliter Park, 406-837-2036

Billings

May 1

ArtWalk and Jam at the YAM - 5-9 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

Billings Artwalk - 5-9 p.m., Downtown Billings, 406-696-7121

Jason DeShaw - 7 p.m., Billings West High School Auditorium, 406-317-2270

May 1-2

Moss Mansion Wedding Preview Days - 1-3:30 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100

May 2

Sing-a-Long-a Grease - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

May 3

Cinco de Mayo - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Big Horn Resort, 406-248-3149

May 6, 13, 20

Wednesdays with Willa - 7-8:30 p.m., Billings Public Library, 406-657-8258

May 7

BLM Presentation on the Will James Cabin - 6:30-7:30 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

May 8-9

Classic and Collector Car Auction - MetraPark Expo Center, Classic Car Auction Group, 406-698-7930

May 8-10, 14-17, 21-23

“Funny Money” - Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

May 8-9

Magic City Singers: The Beat Goes On - 7:30 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-896-2438

May 9

Comedy beCause - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

May 15-16, 22-24, 28-30

“A Little Night Music” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

May 16

Heritage Home Tour - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100

May 17

Less Than Jake and Reel Big Fish - 8 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-894-2020

May 21

High Noon Lecture: “Nike’s Echo” - noon, Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809

“Snap: The Lost and Found in Vernacular Photography” - 6:30-7:30 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804



Jason DeShaw performs in Billings, Bozeman Helena, and Missoula in May.

May 22

Book Signing: Kevin Red Star - 6 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

Eddie Izzard: Force Majeure - 8 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

Funky Bunch Senior Send-Off - 8-10 p.m., NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

International Bicycle Film Festival - 7 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-294-1620

May 23

Trunks and Treasures - 4-5 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100

May 31

Ryan Adams - 8 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

June 2

The Eagles - MetraPark Arena, 406-256-2422

June 5-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-27

“Bark! The Musical” - 7:30 p.m., Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

June 5

Jam at the YAM - 5:30-8 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

June 6-7

Renaissance Festival - ZooMontana, 406-652-8100

June 6

SpringFest Art Festival - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100

June 11

Michael Che - 8 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 406-894-2020
“Pop Art and Culture” - 6:30-7:30 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

June 12-14

Jurassic Quest - MetraPark Arena, 406-256-2400

June 17

Gordon Lightfoot “50 Years on the Carefree Highway Tour” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

June 18

High Noon Lecture: “Montanarama” - noon, Western Heritage Center, 406-256-6809

June 19-21

The Montana Festival of the Horse - MetraPark Arena, 406-687-3743

June 20

Highland Games - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ZooMontana, 406-652-8100

June 25

Big Smoke Cigar Dinner - 6-9 p.m., Moss Mansion, 406-256-5100
Trace Adkins - 7 p.m., MetraPark Arena, 406-256-2400

June 28

Billings Symphony: Symphony in the Park - 4 p.m., Pioneer Park, 406-252-3610

Bozeman

May 1

Spring Soiree - 6:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 406-582-8702

May 2

At First Glance: “Suor Angelica” and Gianni Schicchi” - 1-5 p.m., Bozeman Public Library, 406-587-2889

Multimedia Series: Music Senior Recital - 7:30 p.m., MSU Black Box Theater, 406-994-3562

May 6

Jason DeShaw - 7 p.m., Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 406-317-2270

May 9

Author Event with Cheryl Moore-Gough - 1 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

May 15-16

“A Thousand Cranes” - Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

“Don’t Close Your Eyes: Live Radio Theatre” - 8 p.m., Peach Street Studios, 406-366-1752

May 15, 17

Intermountain Opera: “Suor Angelica” and “Gianni Schicchi” - Willson Auditorium, 406-587-2889

May 15-16, 22-23, 29-30

“Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737

May 20

Author Event with Thomas McGuane - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

“Homestead Dreams” - 6-7 p.m., Museum of the Rockies, 406-243-6022

May 21

Art on the Rocks: Cab and Clay - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Emerson Center, 406-587-9797

May 23

Eric Church - 7:30 p.m., Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 406-994-2287

May 27

Author Event with William Hjortsberg - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

May 28

Author Event with Barbara J. Moore - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

May 30

The Big Event - 6-10 p.m., Gallatin River Hideaway, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 406-587-1216

May 31

Sunday Swing - 4 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

June 3

Author Event with Leslie Pattern - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

June 5

Darrell Scott and Friends: The Songs of Ben Bullington - 8 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

June 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

“Don’t Close Your Eyes: Live Radio Theatre” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0737



“Celtic Woman,” all-female Irish musical ensemble, performs in Missoula June 5, Bozeman June 6, and Great Falls June 7.

June 6

Celtic Woman - 8 p.m., Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 406-994-2287

June 10

Author Event with Suzee Branch - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

June 12

Downtown Bozeman Art Walk - 6-8 p.m., downtown, 406-586-4008

June 15

Author Event with Craig Johnson - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

June 17-20

Shakespeare in the Parks: “The Taming of the Shrew” - 8 p.m., MSU Grove, 406-994-3901

June 18

Art on the Rocks: Tequila and Tie-Dye - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Emerson Center, 406-587-9797

Author Event with Keith McCafferty - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

June 24-27

Shakespeare in the Parks: “Cyrano de Bergerac” - 8 p.m., MSU Grove, 406-994-3901

June 25

Music on Main - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Main Street, 406-586-4008

Open Mic Poetry - 7 p.m., Country Bookshelf, 406-587-0166

June 27

An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin - 8 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

Chester

June 17, 24

Sounds on The Square - 6-8 p.m., Town Square, 406-265-4383



Comedian Lily Tomlin appears at the Ellen Theatre June 27. (Photo by Brett Patterson)